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REMARKS

Response to 35 U.S.C. 121

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement. According to the Office Action, there are patentably distinct species in the claimed invention and a restriction to one of these species in claims is required under 35 U.S.C. 121. According to the species made by the Office Action, Applicants elect the species (1) corresponding to Figs. 2-3, specified in claims 1, 2, 7 and 8.

According to M.P.E.P 806.04(d), in an application presenting three species illustrated, for example, in Figures 1, 2, and 3, respectively, a generic claim should read on each of these views. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits, claims 1 and 2 are generic claims for species (1)-(5) because claims 1 and 2 can read on each of species (1)-(5) (Figs. 2-7).

Currently, applicant elects species (1) (claims 1, 2, 7 and 8) and withdraw species (2)-(5) (claims 3-6 and 9-14). Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

In addition, please cancel claims 15-19 without prejudice, disclaimer or waiver. Applicant also reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

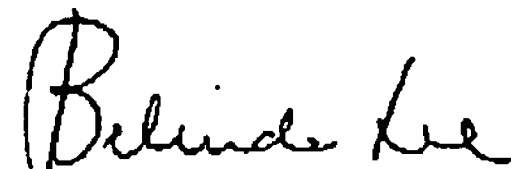
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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